HOUSE BILL No. 1367

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-12-77.

Synopsis: Higher education admission policy. Requires state educational institutions to admit first time freshman undergraduate students who meet certain requirements, including graduating from an Indiana secondary school in the top levels of the student's graduating class. Requires state educational institutions to consider socioeconomic factors in determining first time freshman undergraduate admission decisions.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 20, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.





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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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2	AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3	JULY 1, 2004]:

Chapter 77. Higher Education Admission Policy

- Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the commission for higher education established by IC 20-12-0.5-2.
- Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "state educational institution" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.
- Sec. 3. A state educational institution shall admit a first time freshman student under this chapter.
- Sec. 4. (a) Each state educational institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the state educational institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Is a resident of Indiana.
 - (2) Has graduated in one (1) of the two (2) school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is



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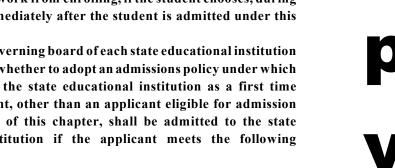
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- Sec. 5. The governing board of each state educational institution shall determine whether to adopt an admissions policy under which an applicant to the state educational institution as a first time freshman student, other than an applicant eligible for admission under section 4 of this chapter, shall be admitted to the state educational institution if the applicant meets the following requirements:
 - (1) Is a resident of Indiana.
 - (2) Has graduated in one (1) of the two (2) school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission from a public secondary school or a nonpublic secondary school in Indiana that is voluntarily accredited under IC 20-1-1-6.
 - (3) Has a grade point average in the top twenty-five percent (25%) of the applicant's high school graduating class.
- Sec. 6. (a) An applicant who does not qualify for admission under section 4 or 5 of this chapter may apply for admission to any state educational institution.
- (b) The state educational institution, after admitting students under sections 4 and 5 of this chapter, shall admit other applicants for admission as undergraduate students. Each state educational





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1	institution may consider all of, any of, or a combination of the	
2	following socioeconomic indicators or factors in making first time	
3	freshman admissions decisions under this section:	
4	(1) The applicant's academic record.	
5	(2) The socioeconomic background of the applicant, including	
6	the percentage by which the applicant's family is above or	
7	below any recognized measure of poverty, the applicant's	
8	household income, and the applicant's parents' level of	
9	education.	
10	(3) Whether the applicant would be the first generation of the	
11	applicant's family to attend or graduate from an institution of	
12	higher education.	
13	(4) Whether the applicant has bilingual proficiency.	
14	(5) The financial status of the applicant's school district.	
15	(6) The performance level of the applicant's school as	_
16	determined by the school accountability criteria used by the	
17	department.	
18	(7) The applicant's responsibilities while attending school,	
19	including whether the applicant has been employed, whether	
20	the applicant has helped to raise children, or other similar	
21	factors.	
22	(8) The applicant's region of residence.	
23	(9) Whether the applicant is a resident of a rural, an urban, or	
24	a suburban area or a resident of a rural, an urban, or a	
25	suburban area in Indiana.	
26	(10) The applicant's performance on standardized tests.	
27	(11) The applicant's performance on standardized tests in	
28	comparison with that of other students from similar	
29	socioeconomic backgrounds.	
30	(12) Whether the applicant attended any school while the	
31	school was under a court ordered desegregation plan.	
32	(13) The applicant's involvement in community activities.	
33	(14) The applicant's extracurricular activities.	
34	(15) The applicant's commitment to a particular field of	
35	study.	
36	(16) The applicant's personal interview.	
37	(17) The applicant's admission to a comparable accredited	
38	out-of-state institution.	
39	(18) Any other consideration the institution considers	
40	necessary to accomplish the institution's stated mission.	
41	(c) A state educational institution may review other factors in	
12	making an admissions decision	



(d) Not later than one (1) year before the date that applications	
for admission are first considered under this section, each state	
educational institution shall publish in the state educational	
institution's catalog a description of the factors considered by the	
state educational institution in making admission decisions and	
shall make the information available to the public.	
(e) This section does not apply to a state educational institution	
that has an open enrollment policy.	
Sec. 7. Each state educational institution shall annually report	
to the commission describing the composition of the entering class	
of students admitted under this chapter. The report must include	
a demographic breakdown, including a breakdown by race,	
ethnicity, and economic status, of the students admitted under	
sections 4, 5, and 6 of this chapter.	
Sec. 8. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to	
implement this chapter.	
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